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References AC through AE were cited in the Supplementary European Search Report dated October 6, 2006. References AF though AH were cited in the Notice of Reasons of Rejection mailed June 7, 2005, and References AF and AH were cited in the Notice of Reasons of Rejection mailed August 30, 2005.

The partial translations of JP 57-113709 and JP 47-39383, which were previously listed on a PTO Form 1449 filed February 15, 2006, are being submitted.

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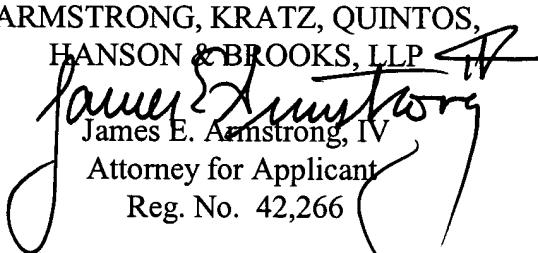


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	Document No.	Date	Country	Translation (Yes or No)
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_____	AE 170,411	10/24/21	Great Britain	
_____	AF 11-315820	11/16/99	Japan	Yes - abstract
_____	AG 57-113709	12/30/80	Japan	Yes - partial
_____	AH 47-39383	10/04/72	Japan	Yes - partial

OTHER DOCUMENTS

_____	AI	Supplementary European Search Report for Application Number EP 04 77 0962 dated October 6, 2006.
_____	AJ	Notice of Reasons of Rejection mailed June 7, 2005 for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-208390. Partial English translation is attached.
_____	AK	Notice of Reasons of Rejection mailed August 30, 2005 for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-208390. Partial English translation is attached.
_____	AL	Notice of the Decision of Final Rejection mailed January 17, 2006 for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-208390. Partial English translation is attached.

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